(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are providing special assistance to the State for the promotions of these sports; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. However, action has been initiated to evaluate the Scheme of Promotion of Adventure.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposals received from various State Governments along with Non-Government Organisations/Educational Institutions/individuals etc. are considered on merit and grants are released to them as per provision of the scheme. There are no State specific allocation under the Scheme.

(d) During 2004-05, assistance to State Governments, Non-Government Organisations, Educational Institutions and individuals was given for the adventure activities like trekking, mountaineering, rock climbing, river raffting, para-sailing, long distance swimming etc.

Training to players

2624. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) with the formation of Organising Committee and the Apex Committee for Commonwealth Games having been set up, will attention of both Government and the Olympic Association be directed towards identifying the players, conducting the training camps, hiring of Indian or Foreign Coaches, and structuring training by including internationally accepted and tried inputs;

(b) if so, whether any comprehensive blue-prints have been drawn for each of these activity so that Indian participants could exhibit their best talent to win maximum number of medals; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The training of sportspersons for major international events including Commonwealth Games is

an on-going process that is undertaken in collaboration with the National Sports Federations. The number of players sent to foreign countries for training with Government assistance under different schemes of the Ministry is given below:

Scheme	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005 Till 17.3.05
Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSF)	150	116	87	187
Scheme Relating to Talent Search & Training	8	13	25	30
National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	-	5	8	8

In addition to national coaches and those engaged by Sports Authority of India, Government has approved the appointment of 14 foreign coaches.

Systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in the Commonwealth Games by drawing Long Term Development Programme (LTDP) to put in action four year roll-on Plan under which elite sportspersons selected on the basis of their performance are put through scientifically designed continuous training programme. The current LTDP has been focussed on our achievements in Commonwealth and Asian Games in 2006.

The final action plan/LTDP for 2010 Commonwealth Games will be made after assessing India's performance in Commonwealth and Asian Games, 2006.

Expenditure on training of Hockey Players

†2625. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the receipts and expenditure of the Indian Hockey Federation;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.